

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/851,905

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 08/13/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,5,7,9-11,13,15,17,19-21,23,25,27,29-41,43,45,47 and 49-65.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jaison John on 10/23/07. The following claims were cancelled since they were duplicate claims.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 8, 18, 28, and 48 were cancelled.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 17-19, filed 08/13/07, with respect to the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-11, 13, 15, 17-21, 23, 25, 27-41, 43, 45, and 47-65 under 35 U.S.C. 112 1st paragraph (new matter) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 112 1st paragraph (new matter) has been withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments, see pages 20-24, filed 08/13/07, with respect to the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-11, 13, 15, 17-21, 23, 25, 27-41, 43, 45, and 47-65 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Turner US 4,166,783 have been fully considered. This rejection has been withdrawn based on these arguments.

Applicant's arguments, see pages 24-27, filed 08/13/07, with respect to the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-11, 13, 15, 17-21, 23, 25, 27-41, 43, 45, and 47-65 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Actor US 5,478,455 have been fully considered. This rejection has been withdrawn based on these arguments.

Applicant's arguments, see pages 27-29, filed 08/13/07, with respect to the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-8, 11, 13, 15, 17-18, 21, 23, 25, 27-28, 31-38, 41, 43, 45, 47-48, 51-58, and 61-65 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith have been fully considered. This rejection has been withdrawn based on these arguments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9-11, 13, 15, 17, 19-21, 23, 25, 27, 29-41, 43, 45, 47, and 49-65 are allowed, and re-numbered 1-49.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The application is allowed over the prior art of record based on Applicant's arguments filed 08/13/07.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan A. Jarrett whose telephone number is (571) 272-3742. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00-6:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard can be reached on (571) 272-3749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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